(b) Some of the measure taken by the Government to facilitate alloy steel export are:

(i) Reduction in import duty on steel melting scrap from 35% to 10%.

(ii) Allowing import of modern equipment and technology for quality improvement and cost reduction of alloy steel preducers.

(iii) Duty free import of raw materials including alloying elements, for export production through advance licensing scheme as per the policy.

(iv) Conversion fo 60% export earning at market rate of foreign exchange, and

(v) Liberal clearances of export proposals.

(c) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Difference in Pay Scales of MTNL and DOT Employees

3235. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the difference in the pay scales and allowances being paid to the employees of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and the employees of the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) whether resentment among the employees is increasing due to this disparity;

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to resolve this issues;

(d) whether with the formation of a Public Sector Undertaking, the employees start demanding more pay scales and allowances and their demands are always accepted by the Government; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to curb this tendency?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is no difference in pay scales and allowances of employees of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited and Department of Telecommunications. However, Group 'C' and 'D' employees in M. T. N. L. who are on deemed deputation from Department of Telecommunications have been sanctioned an adhoc amount of RS. 100/– per month with effect from 1.9.1990 as their terms and conditions for absorption in MTNL have not been finalised so far. This payment will be adjusted towards dues to such employees when the said terms and conditions are finalised.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. This adhoc sanction did lead to resentment among the employees of Department of Telecom. Consequently, the Government constituted a high level Committee known as Athreya Committee, for a high level Committee know as Athreya Committee, for recommending the most appropriate organisational structure for the management of telecommunication services in the country. The report is under consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e). The pay packages for the public sector and Government employees are different. Some amount of disparity between the two at any given time exists.

Assistance to States for Development of Tourism

3236. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provide assistance of the State Government of the development of tourism in the States; and

(b) if so, the details of such assistance provided during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Government for specific projects, dependent upon their merits, availability of founds and inter-se priorities.

(b) The details of financial assistance sanctioned to each State during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Amount senctioned*		
		1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92 (lill Date)*
			(Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	115.35	73.47	79.61
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	07.35	05.36
3.	Assam	-	22.67	85.71
4.	Bihar	-	138.44	102.29
5.	Goa	05.00	-	33.78
6.	Gujarat	36.71	99.55	114.07
7.	Haryana	13.53	230.46	41.10
8.	Himachal Pradesh	25.13	80.31	99.18
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	125.75	90.89	47.33
10.	Karnataka	45.81	91.11	66.51
11.	Kerala	85.02	190.19	74.79
12.	Madhya Pradesh	46.01	234.36	201.58
13.	Maharashtra	08.30	142.61	142.69
14.	Manipur	-	15.12	-

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Amount sanctioned*		
		1989-90	*1990-91*	*1991-92 (till Date)*
			(Rs. in lakhs)	
15.	Meghalaya	09.74	22.33	38.70
16.	Mizoram	-	20.02	06.45
17.	Nagaland	67.94	34.54	12.00
18.	Orissa	-	121.61	115.50
19.	Punjab	15.93	48.13	14.44
20.	Rajasthan	26.25	152.34	74.68
21	Sikkim	-	59.71	70.9
22	Tamil Nadu	37.94	134.47	49.44
23.	Tripura	04.91	23.55	09.97
24.	Uttar Pradesh	132.97	397.87	20.07
25.	West Bengal	07.50	320.15	36.73
	TOTAL	809.79	2751.25	1542.89

[*Translation.*]

Damage to Pearls and Jewels in Orissa

3237 SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year pearls and jewels worth millions of rupees are being damaged in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the damage of pearls and jewels in Orissa ; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). Sporedic incidents of clandestine mining of precious and semi-precious stones are reported from time to time in the State of Orissa. To stop such illegal mining Government of Orissa have enacted the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Sumgoling and Other Unlawful Activities) Act, 1989 and have also notified appropriate Rules thereunder.